GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1515
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Removal of Custom Duty Exemption of Life Saving Drugs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of life-saving drugs and bulk drugs used for manufacturing these drugs as well as diagnostic kits removed from customs duty exemption by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC);

(b) whether these drugs will now cost 22 per cent more;

(c) the reasons for removal of these drugs from customs duty exemption and increase in the basic customs duty rate on specified medical devices to 7.5 per cent; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure affordability of these drugs by patients?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): A statement giving life-saving drugs and bulk drugs used for manufacturing these drugs as well as diagnostic kits removed from customs duty exemption by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) is given in the attached statement.

(b) & (d): In this regard, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has received various representations from the associations/companies requesting for increase in the prices due to withdrawal of customs duty. NPPA vide its letter dated 28.3.2016 addressed to associations/companies advised them to absorb the increase in the cost, if any, as DPCO, 2013 does not have any specific provision in this regard.

(c): These drugs and medical devices are being indigenously manufactured. It was represented by the domestic industry that continuation of the exemption/ concession of customs/ excise duty is adversely affecting domestic manufacturers. Therefore, exemption/ concessions were withdrawn in line with the Government of India's 'Make in India' Policy.

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STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1515 REGARDING REMOVAL OF CUSTOM DUTY EXEMPTION OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.05.2016.

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1. Allopurinol 38. Infliximab
2. Amiodarone 39. Interlukin-3
3. Amifostine 40. Didanosine
4. Atracurium besylate 41. Indinavir
5. Carbidopa with Levodopa 42. Nelfinavir
6. Cefoperazone 43. Stavudine
7. Ceftizoxime 44. Abacavir sulphate
8. Cefpirome 45. Lopinavir
9. Dacarbazine 46. Tenofovir Disoproxil
10. Desmopressin 47. Cisplatin
11. Dobutamine 48. Dinazole
12. Disodium Pamidronate 49. Doxorubicin
13. Gemcitabine 50. Etoposide
14. Ifosfamide 51. Flutamide
15. Interferon alpha-2b/interferon alpha NL(LNS) 52. Flutamide
16. Ketamine 53. Ondansetran
17. Levodopa (L-Dopa) 54. Paclitaxel
18. Lamivudine 55. Tamoxifen citrate
19. Letrozole 56. Exemestane
20. Leuprolide Acetate 57. Recombinant Human Interferron beta I-a
21. Mercaptopurine 58. Rasburicase
22. Methyl Prednisolone 59. Posaconazole
23. Mitomycin 60. Abciximab

24. Netilmicin 61. Anti-Rabies Normal Human immunoglobulin
25. Naloxone 62. Anti-D Immunoglobulin
26. Nitroglycerine 63. Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)
27. Micronised Progesterone or Injection 64. Filgrastim / Molgramostim (G- CSF/GM- CSF)
28. Pilocarpine 65. Imatinib Mesilate
29. Podophyllotoxin 66. Irinotecan
30. Piperacillin 67. Nalorphine
31. Pralidoxime 68. Procarbazine
32. Prazosin 69. Ritonavir
33. Streptokinase and Streptodomase preparations 70. Rivastigmine
34. Tissue Plaaminogen Activator 71. Rituximab
35. Recombinant human Erythropoietin 72. Saquinavir
36. Lopinavir plus Ritonavir (co-formulation of Lopinavir and Ritonavir) 73. Trastuzumab
37. Capecitabine

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